

**Minutes of the Madison Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Citizen Advisory Committee**

January 17, 2006

Madison Municipal Bldg., Rm. LL-110

5:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Members Present: L Luttig, D. Phillips, J. Rider, R. Williams, C. Wittke, L. Yudice

Members Absent: G. Banks, B. Jamison, D. Noyce, T. Wilson

Others Present: B. McDonald, B. Schaefer, C. Threinen (alt.)

2. Introductions

Committee members introduced themselves and shared information on their backgrounds and reasons for their interest in serving on the committee.

3. Presentation on the MPO and its Responsibilities and on Transportation Trends and Conditions

Schaefer and McDonald provided a power point presentation on the MPO, including the makeup of the policy board, the planning area boundary, and general responsibilities. They discussed the primary responsibilities, which include the regional transportation plan (RTP) and the transportation improvement program (TIP) that implements the plan. The MPO is also involved in or conducts other corridor and sub-area studies. There was discussion about the significance of the RTP and the process for development of the TIP. In order to be eligible for Federal funding, transportation projects must be in the RTP or in the case of smaller projects be consistent with the policies and recommendations of the RTP. All Federally funded projects must be listed in the TIP. The RTP also includes various policy-oriented recommendations, which are more advisory in nature for WisDOT, Dane County, and local governments.

The part of the power point presentation on regional growth and transportation trends was deferred until the next meeting.

4. Review of Schedule for Completion of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update

Schaefer indicated that the primary activity of the MPO for the first six months of the year would be completion of the RTP update. The RTP update was supposed to be completed by November 2005, but the Federal Highway Administration gave the MPO an extension. The draft plan is expected to be completed by July of this year. The delay was caused in large part due to problems associated with getting the MPO's new countywide travel forecast model set up. The model forecasts transit ridership as well as motor vehicle traffic.

5. Staff Reports

McDonald mentioned that the MPO Policy Board was in the process of considering a change to its structure to account for the large increase in the Madison Area MPO's planning area following the 2000 Census. A number of new communities, including Sun Prairie, Verona, Stoughton, Cottage Grove, and Waunakee, were brought into the MPO planning area. The change being considered would increase the representation of these smaller cities and villages.

6. Next Meeting Dates

- February 21
- March 21

7. Adjournment

Minutes recorded by Bill Schaefer